

Sirs,

There was a time when wider amateur frequency privileges were used as an incentive to encourage amateurs to increase their technical knowledge and morse code proficiency.

Many of us who were already amateur operators when "incentive licensing" became a reality in the late 60's, did what was necessary to retain those frequencies and privileges we held very dear.

Now it seems things are moving in the opposite direction.

Please do not "water-down" a wonderful human resource by making it too easy to become an amateur operator, duly licensed by the United States Government.

I suggest increasing code speed to a minimum of 13 words-per-minute for amateur extra class, and retaining a 5 wpm requirement for general class.